(b) 1. M/s. B. L. Agarwala & Sons Pvt. Limited, Bombay.

2. Nirmal Agarwal, Dhanbad.

3. Industries & Commerce Association, Dhanbad.

4. M/s. RPG Industries Limited, New Delhi.

5. Sekhar Iron Works Private Limited. have evinced interest in setting up of coal washeries.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Does not arise.

Production of coal

1489. DR. SANJAYA SINH: Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

(a) what was the total production of coal during 1991-92 in the country;

(b) whether it is a fact that the Coal India Limited production and profits have gone up during the period; and

(c) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COAL (SHRI S. B. NYAMAGOUDA): The production of coal in the country during 1991-92 was 229.29 million tonnes (prov.).

(b) and (c) Coal production of Coal India Limited during 1991-92 was 204.15 million tonnes (prov.) compared to 189.4 million tonnes during the year 1990-91, registering a growth of 7.65 per cent. Since the accounts for the year 1991-92 have not been finalised, the figure of profit earned by Coal India Limited is not available.

Difficulties caused by Cash and Carry Scheme

1490. SHRI V. NARAYANASAMY:

SHRI RADHAKISHAN MALAVIYA:

Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Cash and Carry Scheme announced by Coal India Ltd. has put small consumers into difficulties and consequently the coal supply is also not available adequately to the foundries in India;

(b) whether Government have amended Coal Control Order recently to protect the interests of the ordinary consumers; and

(c) whether Government propose to remove the 'Cash and Carry' scheme in view of these difficulties.

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COAL (SHRI S. B. NYAMAGOUDA): (a) to (c) Coal India Limited have introduced the system of advance payments towards sale of coal better known as "Cash and Carry" system w.e.f. 1-10-91. This system has been made applicable only to the power sector. With regard to the small cosumers, CIL are following the existing system. There is no proposal to remove the "Cash and Carry" system applicable to power sector.

Ministry of Coal have recently issued three orders/notifications connected with the Colliery Control Order. These changes are expected to curb the tendency by certain consumers to divert the quota of coal allotted to them and thus improve the availability of coal to the genuine consumers.

Out-standing dues against State Electricity Boards

1491. SHRIMATI RATAN KUMARI: Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that some State Electricity Boards owe a sum of Rs. 1809 crore to the Coal India Limited;

(b) if so, the names of such State Electricity Boards alongwith the amount outstandings against each of them; and